

Fourthly, the article states, "On May 29, 1955, the Washington Star published an article entitled "What Price Security?" Killian is quoted as saying: "Present security procedures may be among the most hazardous threats to our loyalty defense!"

This probably refers to the statement made by Dr. Killian before a Committee on Government Operations subcommittee which was studying the organization and administration of the military research and development programs. Dr. Killian appeared at the request of the subcommittee.

The twenty-fourth intermediate report of the Committee on Government Operations dated August 4, 1954 refers to Dr. Killian's statement as follows:

"The subcommittee is pleased to be able to include the comments from Dr. James Killian, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in his discussion of the great need for developing a better understanding and rapport between the Government agencies involved and our civilian scientific and engineering activities. Dr. Killian stated that this need should be placed at the head of the list at the present time as being the most critical single problem we have in the whole field of research and development:

" Dr. Killian. There has been, unhappily, a deterioration in recent months in relationships between Government and science. The reasons for this deterioration are much more fundamental than the more simple problem of the relationship between members of the military services and scientists.

" Great progress was made for a period after the war in the development of better and more effective relationships between military personnel and civilian research personnel. The problem has now come to be one of various trends, movements, and policies in this country having created a condition where members of the scientific community are clearly discouraged and apprehensive about the lack of understanding of scientific methods and in undue regard to what sometimes seems to be a preoccupation with security procedures and policies at the expense of scientific progress.

I believe that the whole problem of security procedures and policies at the present time may be one of the things that is most hazardous to our future research and development activity in this country in relation to military problems.

(Note the above paragraph is probably the one that was garbled to produce Mr. Lewis' statement. What the paragraph says is quite different from Mr. Lewis' purported quotation.)

"I also feel very strongly that representatives of both science and Government have a responsibility to find constructive ways to minimize this widespread discouragement and to bring about a reconstruction of sound relationships between Government and the scientific community.

"I think this responsibility rests upon both groups and that it is going to take the best judgment, the best good will that we can manage to summon in order to resolve some of the problems that we now face. This seems to me to be the crux of the whole problem at the present time."

It is interesting to note that Dr. John von Neumann and Dr. Vannevar Bush made recommendations to the subcommittee which were similar in content to those made by Dr. Killian. Whether or not the Washington Star quotation was based on the above Congressional testimony, that testimony as quoted above does accurately express ^{his} ~~my~~ views.